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## **DONNA SCHNEEBERGER SENTENCED IN UTICA TO PROBATION AND FINE**

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK - United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced the imposition of sentence in United States District Court in Utica on Donna Schneeberger for the offense of filing a false tax return.

Donna Schneeberger, 53, of Clayton, NY pled guilty in April, 2013, to a single count of subscribing and filing a false tax return, relating to income earned by her husband's dental business. On September 4, 2013, District Judge David N. Hurd sentenced the defendant to a term of probation of three years and a fine of \$25,000. Ms. Schneeberger admitted that the joint income tax return that she had signed and filed for tax year 2007 had failed to include income earned by the dental practice, for which she maintained the books and records. She admitted that between 2005 and 2007, she had failed to report over \$700,000 in income, and the District Court found that she had deprived the United States of taxes in excess of \$230,000.

The Court imposed a sentence of a fine and probation, stating its reliance, in part, upon its recognition of the defendant's extensive civic contributions in Watertown and Clayton. The defendant, who prior to sentencing had paid the unreported taxes, was ordered by Judge Hurd to pay all interest and penalties resulting from the criminal behavior as part of her probation.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division in Syracuse, NY. Further questions or inquiries may be directed to Executive Assistant United States Attorney John Duncan, at (315) 448-0672.

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